

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LT. GOVERNOR, JULIANA STRATTON  
 Military Economic Development Committee  
 Quarterly Meeting Minutes  
 October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

| <b>A present majority of currently represented member positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. 10</b> |                               |                |              |               |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Position</b>  | <b>Name</b>                   | <b>Present</b> | <b>Phone</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
| <b>Ex-Officio</b>  |                               |                |              |               |
| Chair, Ex-Officio (LG's Office)  | Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton |                | x            |               |
| Vice Chair, Ex-Officio (Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity)                                      | Joseph McKeown                |                | x            |               |
|  | Salvador Garza                |                |              | x             |
| Ex-Officio (Dept. of Transportation)   | Keith Roberts                 |                | x            |               |
|  | Kirk Brown                    |                |              | x             |
| Ex-Officio (Dept. of Natural Resources)  | Von Bandy                     |                |              | x             |
| Ex-Officio (Dept. of the Environmental Protection Agency)  | Chris Hill                    |                | x            |               |
| Ex-Officio (Dept. of Revenue)  | Kristin Logue                 |                | x            |               |
| Ex-Officio (Dept. of Military Affairs)   | James Smith                   |                | x            |               |
| <b>Senators</b>  |                               |                |              |               |
| Sen. Pres. Mem.  | Pending                       |                |              |               |
| Sen. Min. Mem.   | Sen. Paul Schimpf             |                |              | x             |
| House Speaker Mem.   | Rep. Katie Stuart             |                | x            |               |
| House Min. Lead. Mem.  | Rep. Tim Butler               |                |              | x             |
| <b>Public Members</b>  |                               |                |              |               |
| Pub. Mem.  | Janet Smith                   |                | x            |               |
| Pub. Mem.  | Ronda Sauget                  |                | x            |               |
| Pub. Mem.  | Scott Lohman                  |                | x            |               |
| Pub. Mem.  | Pending                       |                |              |               |
| Pub. Mem.  | Zachary Mottl                 |                | x            |               |
| Pub. Mem.  | Christopher Kojak             |                |              | x             |
| Pub. Mem.  | Frank Rezac                   |                | x            |               |
| Pub. Mem.  | Kevin Wiley                   |                |              | x             |
| Pub. Mem.  | Pending                       |                |              |               |
| Pub. Mem.  | Eric Vences                   |                | x            |               |
| <b>Military Veteran or Defense Industry</b>  |                               |                |              |               |
| MV/DI Mem.   | Pending                       |                |              |               |
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| <b>Military Veteran</b>  |                               |                |              |               |

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| Vice-Chair, Military Veteran Mem.    | William Cobetto      |  | x |   |
| <b>Guest (non-member)</b>            |                      |  |   |   |
| Guest, Scott Air Force Base          | Col. Heathman        |  | x |   |
|                                      | Christine Spargur    |  |   |   |
| Guest, IL National Guard             | General Neely        |  | x |   |
| Guest, Naval Station Great Lakes     | Capt. Leung          |  | x |   |
| Guest, Rock Island Arsenal Army Base | Col. Marr            |  |   | X |
| Guest                                | Sarah Smith-Raschen  |  |   | X |
| Guest                                | Irene Sherr          |  |   | X |
| Guest                                | Christine Nappo      |  |   | X |
| Guest                                | Richard Stubblefield |  |   | X |
| Guest                                | Bill Ratzburg        |  |   | X |
| Guest                                | Kimberly Huth        |  |   | X |
| Guest                                | Jessica Manfre       |  |   | X |
| Guest                                | Rob Davies           |  |   | X |

*\*Note: grey cells indicate that multiple representatives were designated by ex-officios to the Committee. Only one staffer out of each group of grey cells counted for quorum, motion, and voting purposes.*

**I. Call to Order**

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton called the meeting to order at 9:50 AM

**II. Roll Call, Approval of Agenda for 10/15/20, and Approval of Minutes from 7/23/20**

- a. Roll taken and quorum established
- b. Approval of Agenda for 10/15/20
  - i. Motioned by Janet Smith
  - ii. Seconded by Zach Mottl
  - iii. All in favor
  - iv. No opposition
  - v. No abstentions
- c. Approval of Minutes from 7/23/20
  - i. Frank Rezac: One edit from the minutes from last meeting would be to change the word “C30J’s” to instead say “C130J’s”, which is the correct title of the planes.
  - ii. Motion to approve the amended minutes
  - iii. All in favor
  - iv. No opposition
  - v. No abstentions
- d. Lt. Governor Stratton provides a reminder for all members to complete their required annual ethics and harassment trainings

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**III. New Business**

- a. 2020 State of the Bases Address
  - i. Introduction and opening remarks from Lt. Governor Stratton
  - ii. Video with remarks from Senator Tammy Duckworth
  - iii. Remarks from Governor JB Pritzker
  - iv. State of the Base remarks from Major General Neely of the Illinois National Guard
  - v. State of the Base remarks from Commander Todd Allison of Rock Island Arsenal
  - vi. State of the Base remarks from Colonel Jeremiah Heathman of Scott Air Force Base
  - vii. State of the Base remarks from Captain Raymond Leung
  - viii. Lt. Governor Stratton asks if there are any questions for the speakers
    1. No questions
  - ix. Lt. Governor Stratton thanks attendees and closes the State of the Bases event

**IV. Member Updates**

- a. Janet Smith: I wanted to quickly share information on the upcoming Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center cybersecurity trainings for businesses. The previous trainings are available online, and the next one is October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- b. Joseph McKeown: I just quickly wanted to let everyone know that the DCEO (Department of Commerce and Economic Development) business commerce grants are still going strong, and that there is an upcoming event on October 29<sup>th</sup> for service members who want to go into agriculture.
- c. Zach Mottl: Funding has been provided for an updated and new MxD center, which will help us provide more resources for cybersecurity as we move into the future.
- d. Ronda Sauget: Work for the Illinois GovCon is underway, with participation from over 21 businesses. This is a great success for efforts to level the playing field for contractors.

**V. Public Comments**

- a. Kimberly Huth: I am the new Director of Military Affairs for St. Clair County, I wanted to just quickly introduce myself and note some ongoing efforts I have related to supporting military families and resiliency and retention within the Air Force.

**VI. Adjournment**

- a. Moved by Lt. Governor Stratton 11:03 AM.
- b. Seconded by William Cobetto
- c. All in favor
- d. No opposition
- e. No abstentions